

Minute for EGRA AGM
Thursday 25th March, 7pm, Zoom

Attendees: 24

Minutes:

- **Introductions (Patrick Ives)**

Meeting was advised that the zoom is being recorded, existing committee and new member Tom Stanworth were introduced.

- **Annual Report - feedback, comments and corrections (Patrick Ives)**

No corrections were requested. The even handedness of the report was commented on and appreciated by the members receiving it.

- **Financial Report (Fiona Machen-Harrison)**

Accounts were walked through with no queries raised, thus they were approved. Main expenditure item this year was on Woodland Walk to upgrade the planters. The reservoirs weren't sufficient and the trees were dying which necessitated the work. Expected expenditure for next year may be on some further greening and improving the website.

- **Re-Election of Chair (Patrick Ives), Secretary (Louise Fletcher) and Treasurer (Fiona Machen-Harrison), Tom Stanworth election to executive committee (existing Exec Committee Members: Ilsa Pole, Sheila Keeble, Monique Tomlinson) and call for any members who might like to be on the executive committee. (Monique Tomlinson)**

Chair (Patrick Ives), Secretary (Louise Fletcher) & Treasurer (Fiona Machen-Harrison) were re-elected. Tom Stanworth was elected to the executive committee, Ilsa Pole, Sheila Keeble and Monique Tomlinson continue as executive committee members. A plea was made to for further members to step forward and join the executive committee.

- **Future Plans (Patrick Ives /Sheila Keeble)**

- Air Quality (Patrick Ives / Ilsa pole)

We are Looking at whether we could look to install additional air quality monitors, unfortunately this is prohibitively expensive (c£6k per monitor), there is a new Mayoral scheme where you can apply for monitors. We have registered interest.

[AddressPollution.org](https://www.addresspollution.org), a central office of public interest initiative, if a website where you can enter your address and receive the reading for NO2 and particulates (PM2.5 & PM10) for a 20m radius around your house, it will also ask you if you want to take action, if you do you can add your name and email to their petition. If this is accurate enough we may be able to utilise this data for a campaign. Ilsa is following up to understand how they calculate this and reliability. Proposal to publicise and get as many people to complete the website. This was agreed as a sensible course of action by all those at the meeting.

Comments were made around focussing on air quality on Blackwall Lane due to the proximity to schools.

Fiona Guadagnuolo – RiGRA meeting this weekend. A lot of people have been asking during lock down which groups to join. Fiona will forward information to RiGRA and will forward and join.

Rashmee Roshan Lall (Aldeburgh & Fearon St Neighbourhood Watch) – Flagged active group of residents on the roads on the Eastern side of the Woolwich flyover who would also be keen to be involved in this.

Charlotte Baker – Surfers against sewage campaign to write to MPs ahead of the Sewage (Inland Waterways) bill being debated in parliament, this is another way members could have their voices heard. Information can be accessed via their website: [#EndSewagePollution-SewageBill • Surfers Against Sewage \(sas.org.uk\)](#). Matthew Pennycook is not currently listed as supporting the bill.

- **Rubbish (Sheila Keeble)**

Attended a 3 day Greening Inland Waterways webinar last week with the PLA, they have been doing work to reduce rubbish in the Thames and are at the moment offering grants for projects to clean up the River. We feel that this would be an ideal opportunity to put in a bid to address the overflowing bins on the riverside that flow into the river.

Fiona Guadagnuolo – RiGRA have this as an agenda item for their meeting this weekend. There is already a large amount generated from River Gardens Café which has necessitated additional bins that were originally going to be charged to residents. There is a new ROX Burger due to open and residents have tried to ensure conditions are put around rubbish. Enderby House is opening on 12th April and want to ensure they have conditions there too. Fiona will email details of the RiGRA zoom meeting to Patrick & Sheila.

Monique Tomlinson: Lessons learnt from previous licensing applications is that they will start small and then add in terms of alcohol, take away and use of outside space. Need to try and ensure the businesses on the river front all understand their social responsibility and use staff members to clear up litter around their premises.

- **Discussion points:**

- **Local Elections – Early May (Patrick Ives)**

These elections are for Mayor & Assembly Member (the current Assembly Member for Greenwich is Len Duval), we would encourage everyone to vote. The council will be in purdah from early April until the elections on 6th May. Further details can be found here: [Upcoming elections | Elections in Royal Greenwich | Royal Borough of Greenwich](#).

Ward boundaries may change for 2022, and East Greenwich is proposed to become it's own ward with 3 councillors (currently part of Peninsula Ward), there is a consultation on this running until 10th May. Details can be found here: [Have your say on ward boundary draft recommendations | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/ward-boundary-draft-recommendations)

- **Safer Neighbourhoods Team panel – looking for volunteers (Patrick Ives)**

There is a ward panel which EGRA have requested to be added to. The first meeting is on Monday. Request for volunteers to attend these meetings for EGRA in the future.

Aidan Smith – In Greenwich West have reps from all different areas, Peninsula panel is much smaller and only had 5 members previously.

- **Planning & Licensing (Patrick Ives / Sheila Keeble / Monique Tomlinson)**

Nursery space in River Gardens - 21/0650/F– currently 73 objections to this application. Nursery was offered the currently public land as a private play area for nursery which has caused some consternation from the residents.

Enderby House planning application - 21/0878/F – enclosure of outside space and extend seating area. Alain Head has put some words together. Gazebo has been put up together, this is allowable under current rules.

Proposal for building on B&Q / Ikea Car Park – (No planning application as yet) . – Link to the current consultation can be found here:

www.MRPGreenwich.co.uk. The resident of Fearon / Aldeburgh St have been in contact with Matthew Pennycook, MP to try and understand who owns the car park itself. Agreement to publicise on twitter so that everyone is aware.

Morden Wharf Development - 20/1730/O – Very few objections have been raised against this given the size of this development (20-30), ideally we'd want 100+ to enable leverage on changes to incorporate better quality and affordable housing. We have been offered a meeting with Matthew Pennycook, MP and will provide a further update following that. Agree to send reminder to EGRA members to put in their objections, along with guidance that the design and impact statement are the best place to access key information rather than having to read all documents attached.

- **Silvertown Tunnel** – We will continue to attend meetings and try to get as much mitigation in terms of sound, pedestrian access trees etc that we can
- **Traffic** – Will be addressed as part of a separate meeting

- **AOB – Questions from the floor**

- Aidan Smith: Who has set up the Facebook page for the Blackwall Bridge community garden? Phillippa Spanos has set this up and is in touch with Ann Ferreira (TFL liaison) to understand who owns this land.
- Kate Middleton: Questions on Silvertown tunnel, has anyone heard anymore about removal of waste (via trucks etc), have seen a number of large Sivyer trucks idling outside Mary Magdalene School, there seems to be an uptick of these on Millennium Way and the old slip road to the Blackwall Tunnel which

appears to be the access route. Fiona will raise with fellow Mary Magdalene parents.

- John – Cladding Issues – There are a large number of buildings that are affected by this. Matthew Pennycook MP has been very involved and supportive of initiatives to resolve this. The challenges is finding suitable inspectors, contractors etc to carry out remedial work. UK Cladding Action Group (UKCAG), click [here](#) for further details, is an excellent twitter feed to follow and Inside Housing magazine.

- **Call for volunteers (Louise Fletcher)**

We continue to look for members to join the executive committee who would like to lead on initiatives, please let us know at info@EGRA.london if you would like to join.

Thank you to everyone who attended we will be back in touch with a future meeting date.